

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

13. (original): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium provided with an uneven surface for transferring data to a slave medium, wherein,

said magnetic transfer master medium is used after the surface of the protrusion portions of the uneven pattern formed thereon has been ground at least once immediately after the manufacture and prior to the use of said medium.

14. (currently amended): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium as defined in claim 13, wherein the surface of the protrusion portions of the uneven pattern formed on the magnetic transfer master medium is ground according to the degree to which said surface is marred.

15. (currently amended): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium provided with an uneven pattern for transferring data to a slave medium, wherein[[:]] said magnetic transfer master medium is reused after the surface of the protrusion portions of the uneven pattern that has been formed thereon is ground at least once after the said medium has been used.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
1.53(b) Divisional of 10/051,015

16. (original): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium as defined in claim 15, wherein the surface of the protrusion portions of the uneven pattern formed on the magnetic transfer master medium is ground according to the degree to which said surface is marred.